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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks set forth below. A Certified Copy of the English translation of the priority document of the present application accompanies this Response.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims ~~1-7, 13, 18, 19, 22 and 27~~ without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Please substitute the following claims 20 and 21 for the claims 20 and 21 now pending in the above-identified application.

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